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SUBJ: SYRIAN JEWS

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1. REFERRING TO UP STORY DATED MAY 13, ABE DWEK (HEAD OF SYRIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY IN US) TOLD POLCOUNS HE WAS MUCH GRATIFIED TO LEARN OF DEPT OF STATE CONCERN ABOUT FATE OF JEWISH COMMUNITY IN SYRIA AND THAT DEPT NO LONGER REFERRING IN PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE TO "INTERNAL SYRIAN PROBLEM".

2. DWEK WENT ON TO REQUEST THAT WE CONVEY HIS "DISMAY" AT SOME ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE USED BY DEPT. HE ASSERTED THAT A LETTER "RECENTLY" SIGNED BY ASST SECY FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS SAID "SYRIAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES HAVE ARRESTED FOUR MEMBERS OF A BAND OF PROFESSIONAL CRIMINALS" ON MURDER CHARGES AND THAT SAG "APPARENTLY SEEKING JUSTICE" IN CASE. DWEK SAID HE PREPARED TO OFFER EVIDENCE THAT JEWISH

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DETAINEES ARE IN FACT INDIVIDUALS OF DIGNITY AND INTEGRITY

WHOSE ONLY CRIME WAS DEFENSE OF JEWISH COMMUNITY RIGHTS.
HE EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT USG WOULD UNQUALIFIEDLY BRAND
THEM "PROFESSIONAL CRIMINALS" WHEN NOT EVEN SYRIAN COURTS
HAD YET DONE SO. DWEK THOUGHT THERE NO QUESTION OF
"SEEKING JUSTICE" BUT RATHER TRANSPARENT INSTANCE OF
OFFICIAL PRESSURE ON JEWISH COMMUNITY. DWEK EMPHASIZED
HIS CONCERN LEST USG POSITIONS ENCOURAGE SAG TO PROCEED
WITH TRIAL AND EXECUTION OF THESE JEWISH COMMUNITY
ACTIVISTS.

3. USUN UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY DWEK'S REPRESENTATIONS
TO DEPT.
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